

TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR.

COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1906.

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

POSTOFFICE BUILDING

FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS INCLUDES AMOUNT TO BE EXPENDED FOR SITE—TO BE CENTRALLY LOCATED.

Government Can Condemn, Acquire By Purchase or Otherwise Select Location for New Building.

The Dispatch is in receipt of House Bill No. 29,410, of Congress, kindly sent to us by our efficient and enthusiastic representative, Hon. E. S. Candler. This is what is known as the postoffice bill, and it contains all of the provisions and instructions of Congress to the Secretary of the Treasury in carrying out the desires of the Government in providing its own postoffice buildings the country over.

Under the provisions of the bill the appropriation of \$40,000 is to include the cost of the site for the building in Columbus, and the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to acquire by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, said site. The amount of \$40,000 is to include the cost of the building, its plumbing and heating equipment, etc.

While it is the general consensus of opinion, with the development of the city in an easterly direction and the center of population moving in that direction, that the building will be located on Main street, the provisions of the bill suggest another good location in addition to the Brownrigg property as a fine site for so handsome a structure, and this is the site occupied by the Hutchinson & Gaston stable on Main street. This old building has long been an eyesore to the city, and the fact that its title has been in such a state that it could not be sold has prevented it from being improved to this good day. But with the power to condemn behind it, the Government can secure any site available, and it is conceded that this location would be a magnificent one. It is close to the center of the city, it is on the principal street of Columbus, residence and commercial, and there is ample room there for not only the present needs of the postoffice department, but also all future needs for the same.

The development of Columbus for the past several years is towards the east, and the car line development in that section within the next five years will add thousands of population to this territory. Several hundred acres is to be sold in that section in lots, which will rapidly build up, and already the manufacturing industries are seeking the eastern suburb of Columbus as a place for location.

The lease which the Government has with the city for the present post-office quarters has about two years to run, but there is a provision in this contract abrogating it whenever the Government secures its own site. It is believed that the new building will hardly be ready for occupancy before this date, however.

Cumberland Telephone Improvements

Mr. W. E. Maxey, who has had charge of the work of installing the extensive improvements of the Cumberland Telephone Company in this city, leaves tomorrow for Houston, Miss., where he goes to overhaul the system at that place. Mr. Maxey has been here for several months, and during that time has completely overhauled and rebuilt the entire telephone system of this city at a cost of many thousands of dollars. New poles have been erected, massive cables have been run and all arrangements made for installing the metallic circuit system, with which the Cumberland service in this city is to be equipped.

The system which has been arranged for here will be one of the best in the country when it is completed, and this will be done just as soon as the company can secure possession of its building on Main street, the second story of which it is now occupying. All of the outdoor work has been directly under Mr. Maxey's supervision, and he general superintendent of the company, who was here recently, pronounced it one of the finest pieces of work which the company has. Mr. Maxey has made a large circle of friends since his residence in Columbus, whose best wishes will follow him wherever he goes.

Maj. and Mrs. Martin C. Teasdale have returned from a visit to Greenwood Springs.

Winston-Tibbs.

Capt. William Winston on last Wednesday received a telegram announcing the marriage of his son, Dr. William Winston, to Miss Carrie Tibbs, of Waco, Tex., which happy event was solemnized at St. Louis last Tuesday. Though the young people have been sweethearts for eight years their marriage was quite a surprise to their friends, and was consummated under rather romantic circumstances. Dr. Winston, who has for some years past been practicing dentistry in Rome, Ga., met Miss Tibbs in Texas during his schoolboy days, and there sprung up between them a friendship which soon ripened into love. They corresponded regularly, but the years rolled on without bringing any announcement of a nuptials, and even their most intimate friends were surprised at the announcement of their marriage.

Dr. Winston enjoys a lucrative practice in Rome and overwork caused a serious breakdown in his health. His physician advised rest and a change of climate. Knowing that Miss Tibbs would leave Waco on a certain day for a trip to New York, Dr. Winston boarded a train bound for St. Louis, and when the young lady arrived in that city enroute to the metropolis, she found her lover impatiently waiting her coming. He begged her to marry him at once, and after some hesitation she consented. The marriage was promptly consummated, and after spending a few days in St. Louis the happy young couple will go to Rome, Ga., which city will be their future home.

Death of Mr. Z. T. Halbert.

Mr. Z. T. Halbert died at his home, No. 1201 North Twelfth street, at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning. His death resulted from a carbuncle, which had confined him to his bed for three weeks, and which stubbornly refused to yield to treatment. Mr. Halbert, who at the time of his death was 56 years of age, was a member of a large and highly respected family, and was a man of genial personality and unquestioned integrity. He was for a long time a resident of the New Hope neighborhood, but had recently moved to Columbus, and for several months past he had made his home here. He is survived by a widow and several children, who have the heartfelt sympathy of The Dispatch and of numerous friends in the sad affliction which has come upon them.

The body will be taken to Beersheba cemetery for interment. The funeral will occur there at 9 o'clock this morning, and will be conducted by Rev. L. M. Moore, Messrs. L. W. Payne, G. D. McKellar, J. N. Barksdale, W. F. Barksdale, R. H. Halbert and R. J. Gunter will officiate as pall-bearers.

District Conference.

The District Conference of the Methodist church, South, has been in session at Shuqualak during the past week. Among the Columbians in attendance were Rev. L. M. Broyles, pastor of the Second Methodist church; Rev. Robert A. Clark, pastor of the Second Methodist church; Mr. E. E. Buder and Mr. R. A. Carson. The State Sunday School Association met in annual convention at Kosciusko last week. Among the prominent speakers at the convention was Rev. Isaac D. Borders, of this city, who is the efficient secretary of the association.

Mr. Robert Hume Gibbons, of London, England, will sing the offertory at the First Methodist church this morning. Mr. Gibbons, who possesses an unusually fine tenor voice, will render Mr. Teasdale's arrangement of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Bank Furniture Arrives.

The safe, furniture and fixtures for the Penny Savings bank have arrived and are being placed in position in the office on North Market street formerly occupied by the late R. D. Littlejohn. The stockholders of the bank are all negroes, and the officers are: W. W. Cox, president; W. I. Mitchell, vice-president; S. L. Coleman, cashier. The capital stock is \$10,000. It will probably be the first of September before the bank is open and ready for business.

The numerous friends of Mrs. T. J. Locke, Jr., who has been confined to her bed by illness for the past ten days, will be glad to learn that she is convalescent.

Mr. George Buder expects to leave Tuesday for a visit to New York, Atlantic City, Washington and other Eastern cities and resorts.

THREE GOOD GAMES

THREE GOOD GAMES PLAYED BETWEEN C. A. A. AND JASPER LAST WEEK INTERESTING AND EXCITING.

Although Visitors Took Two Out of the Three Games Local Team Is to Be Accredited With Good Work—Large Crowds.

Although Columbus lost two out of the three games which were played with Jasper last week the series demonstrated two things: First, that the right kind of ball will be liberally patronized by our people, and, second, that Columbus has a good team. It is true that there are some deficiencies in the team, but the management fully realizes this, and an effort will be made to remedy these deficiencies and to strengthen the now existing ranks. It may be claimed that the team has no effective pitchers, but Wheeler, who clearly demonstrated his merit in Wednesday's contest, is willing to play with the team, and Reid can always be secured at a moment's notice. Fife, who is one of the best third basemen that ever appeared here, can also be secured, and with Peebles on first base and the rest of the players in their present positions, Columbus will have an aggregation that can go up against any amateur team in the South.

Wheeler was in the box for the locals Wednesday afternoon, and while a game leg prevented him from any attempt at base running, the lumeness did not extend to his arm, which was in such good trim that he struck out fourteen men and allowed only three safe hits. There were only two scores made, but they, alas, were made by Jasper. Time and time again did the locals have fine chances to score, but third base seemed to form a barrier which it was impossible to pass, and not a single Columbian passed home plate.

While the game, as indicated by the score, was a close one, it was more of a battle between two pitchers than among the eighteen men comprising the two teams. Great things were expected of Wheeler, and he did not disappoint his admirers. He not only possesses a good arm but a good eye as well, his head being entirely free from those spherical agencies of locomotion which his name brings to mind. He is also possessed of a serene temper, which in a baseball player is a thing to be admired. He wears on his face "the smile that won't come off," reminding one at times of the erstwhile popular but now well nigh forgotten "Sunny Jim." Wheeler likes Columbus and Columbus likes Wheeler, so there is no reason why he should not become a member of the team and finish out the season as a member of the organization.

In addition to Wheeler there were several players on the local team who acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner Wednesday afternoon. Fife, who played third, was in the game from start to finish. He accepted every chance, and played with that vim and snap that marks the good fielder. Harris at second base stopped a hot grounder that would have put an ordinary player out of commission, and Spencer in right field made a sensational catch that won him merited applause from the grand-stand.

The good town of Jasper had every right to be proud of the team which represents it on the diamond. The team is composed of players who are gentlemen as well as ball players and who made many friends during their stay here. O'Mara was in the box for Jasper Wednesday afternoon, and like Wheeler he is to be accredited with good work. The score board shows that the work of Wheeler was really superior to that of O'Mara, he having struck out fourteen men, while the man from Jasper only struck out seven. O'Mara, however, received splendid support in the field, and hence it was that no Columbian scored. Every member of the Jasper team played not only skillfully but enthusiastically, the work of Welch at short being worthy of special praise.

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Marshall.....	cf.....	Reid
Fife.....	3b.....	Word
Cox, W.....	c.....	Killough
Peebles.....	1b.....	Shepard
Spencer.....	rf.....	O'Rea
Harris.....	lb.....	Kilpatrick
Reid.....	2b.....	McGhee-O'Mara

The Winston-Harris Hardware Co.

Mr. Thomas W. Harris, who has been identified with the hardware business in this city for the past several years, has purchased an interest in the business heretofore conducted by Capt. William Winston, and hereafter the same will be conducted under the firm name of the Winston-Harris Hardware Co.

The new firm will be a strong one. Both of its members are widely esteemed in this county, and they have friends by the score who will abundantly sustain their enterprise with their trade. It is a pleasure to know that Mr. Harris is again to be in business in this city. He is one of our best young men and his friends rejoice that he will continue his residence in Columbus.

Kelly Miller Didn't Lecture.

Kelly Miller, professor of mathematics and psychology at Howard College in Washington, D. C., who was booked to lecture at Union Academy last Wednesday night, did not give the people of Columbus an opportunity of listening to his eloquence. The night was very inclement, and such a small crowd assembled at Union Academy that the negro educator decided not to elucidate ideas on the various topics that are puzzling the statesmen of the North and South. Kelly left Thursday morning for Mobile, where he had an engagement to deliver a lecture Thursday night.

Death of Mrs. Florence Randolph.

The death of Mrs. Florence Randolph, which occurred at her home in Birmingham, Ala., on yesterday morning, brings sorrow to many relatives and friends in this city. Mrs. Randolph had been seriously ill for some time past, and her sister, Mrs. H. R. Garner, of this city, only recently returned to this city from her bedside. The funeral will be held this afternoon, the interment occurring in Birmingham.

Mrs. H. R. Garner's friends in Columbus will regret to learn that she has been quite ill for the past week. She was carried to the Columbus Hospital last night, where she is receiving treatment.

A Game for the Fourth.

The management of the baseball team of the Columbus Athletic Association is making an effort to secure a series of games with either Carrollton or Tupelo for July 4, 5 and 6. Negotiations are now pending with both teams, and it is more than likely that one or the other of them will be secured. Wheeler will be here to pitch for the locals, and "Peck" Turner, the celebrated "no-hit-no-run" twirler, is with Carrollton, so if the Carrollton aggregation comes there will doubtless be "something didding."

For Sale.

Fine store on Main street. For further information apply to J. I. Sturdivant. 5-20-tf.

Cow for Sale.

A strictly first-class milch cow for sale. Apply to Parker Reeves.

Wanted—500 one-gallon jugs. Chapman & Mayfield. 6-24-tf.

Spencer.....rf..... Gamble
Wheeler.....p..... O'Mara

Thursday's game was, up to the ninth inning, one of the prettiest contests that has ever been witnessed here. Reid was in the box for the locals, while McGhee pitched for Jasper. These are the same pitchers who had faced each other on Tuesday, and they were on their mettle. The score ran 2 to 2 up to the ninth inning, when by costly errors the locals let in three runs, the game having resulted in a victory for the visitors by a score of 5 to 3. For some reason the captain of the Jasper team took McGhee out of the box at the close of the eighth inning, and O'Mara pitched the remainder of the game. It was suggested that the locals substitute Wheeler for Reid, but this change was not made, Reid having pitched throughout the entire game.

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WATER TURNED OFF

WATER CONSUMERS CUT OFF FROM SERVICE ABOUT 8 O'CLOCK FRIDAY NIGHT TILL NEXT MORNING.

Trouble with Foot-Valve Necessitated Discontinuance of Service—Reservoir Kept Filled for Fire Protection.

Just at this season of the year a daily bath is more of a necessity than a luxury, but many Columbians were prevented from taking their accustomed plunges on Friday night and Saturday morning for lack of water. The city water supply was cut off at 8 o'clock Friday night and was not turned on again until about the same hour on the following morning, the temporary discontinuance of service having been brought about by the fact that the foot-valve at the end of the suction pipe became stopped up, and it was impossible to force water into the reservoir. Not only was it impossible to secure water for bathing purposes, but those who stick to temperance beverages were denied their accustomed night-cap before retiring on Friday night. None of the soda fountains had any water, and the only place at which a person might slake his thirst was the bored well at the corner of Main and Market streets, which poured forth a tiny stream whose volume was hardly large enough to satisfy the many who craved a cooling draught.

The foot-valve at the waterworks has been giving trouble for some time past. It seems that it was not properly placed when put in, and its mouth is so near the bottom of the river that it takes in mud as well as water. The City Council has for some time past been considering the advisability of changing the arrangement of the foot-valve and suction pipe, but the work was delayed too long, and Friday night the pipe became so clogged with mud that it was impossible to force water through it. Luckily, the reservoir was full at the time, but it was necessary to save this water for use in case of fire, so the domestic service was discontinued.

Early yesterday morning the Lupaia fire engine was sent to the waterworks and began to pump water into the reservoir. By this means an ample supply was secured and consumers had no trouble throughout the day. The water passes through the filter before being transmitted through the pipes, and is therefore clear and pure when it reaches the consumer.

Kaufman's Big Sale.

The firm of Kaufman Bros., the People's Money Savers, has become identified in the public estimation as a place of bargains. It is not often that this establishment advertises a sacrifice sale, a surrender of profits on a well selected stock, in order to clear it out of their establishment. They had one last year about this time and people are familiar with the bargains which they secured at that time.

Beginning on tomorrow, July 2, they inaugurate their annual clearance sale of spring and summer goods. This is a distinct event in the bargain world, as a reference to their page advertisement in this issue will show. During the ten days in which this sale will run they will offer every line of their immense stock at unheard-of prices, prices which defy competition and which will attract trade from every section. They ask that you read their advertisement this morning carefully, and that you call this week to look into the trade opportunities, only a few of which they are enabled to present.

Plant to Be Enlarged.

The Refuge Cotton Oil Company will soon begin the erection of buildings and the installation of machinery that will double the capacity of their fertilizer plant in this city. The plant now has a capacity of 100 tons of fertilizer per day, and after the contemplated improvements have been made will turn 200 tons of the finished product out every twenty-four hours. The sales of fertilizer for last season were, so The Dispatch is informed by Capt. McClure, the local manager for the company 125 per cent greater than those of the previous year, and the capacity of the plant is being increased to meet the increasing demand for Columbus home-made fertilizer.

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HARRISON HARRIS IN TROUBLE.

Negro With Unsavory Reputation Tries His Hand at Chicken Stealing and Is Caught.

Harrison Harris, a negro who bears a reputation which is anything but savory, and who during the past few years has been mixed up in many difficulties, is again in trouble. For some time past Mr. Ambrose McCrary, his mother, Mrs. McCrary, Mr. Burison and several other people living in a thickly settled neighborhood about two miles east of this city, on the Air Line road, have been missing chickens at frequent intervals, and on last Wednesday night the thief made a general raid, in which he visited nearly every house in the neighborhood. The people naturally became aroused, and organized a party to search for evidence. They found footprints leading from the various houses visited, and following these footprints the searching party found themselves at the home of Harrison Harris. Had there been any doubt about his being the thief this doubt would have been quickly removed when those in pursuit of the thief reached the negro's home, for there standing against the house they found a pair of buggy shafts which had belonged to Mr. Ambrose McCrary, and which were stolen from his yard at the same time the chickens were taken.

Harris was arrested, and upon being tried before Justice of the Peace Beverly Matthews on the charge of stealing the buggy shafts, was convicted and sentenced to serve sixty days on the county farm. In the meantime the chicken stealing matter was investigated, and it was found that on the day following the theft Harris had sold chickens to a number of housekeepers in Columbus. Some of these chickens were identified by their owners, who having raised them, were familiar with their appearance. It is known that Harris stole chickens from at least three places, and three separate indictments were sworn out against him. He was tried before Justice Matthews Friday and a jury Friday afternoon, and upon being convicted was sentenced to serve forty-five days on the county farm in each case. Harris was represented by Mr. W. P. Strickling, while Mr. W. C. Meek appeared in behalf of the prosecution.

The Woman's Store.

The Woman's Store begins their summer clearance sale Tuesday, July 3. This is about a month earlier than such sales are usually begun, but Mr. Leigh states that it is his intention to sell out every dollar's worth of summer stuff, and with that in mind he will begin his clearance sale while there is yet considerable demand for each merchandise.

It is well known that it is the policy of this store not to carry over goods from one season to another—rather take a little loss than run even then carry them over. That is a good business policy and is no doubt why you seldom ever see any of the past season's styles on the shelves of this store. Only the heading of the advertisement appears in the papers. The ad complete occupies two full pages. On account of the size and the big cost of newspaper space for an ad of this size Mr. Leigh decided to have the advertisement printed in circular form and distributed by hand. There are about 100 items and prices quoted in the ad, and all prices are very much lower than the prices that have prevailed all season. Some of the prices quoted are ridiculously low. For instance, shirtwaist silk that sold at 60 cents is quoted at 25, 35 and 40 cents; wash goods are quoted at 19 cents; 75 cent goods at 35 cents, and many other such reductions. As his house handles only good reliable merchandise the prices quoted for this sale certainly ought to bring out a large crowd and fill the store with shoppers every day during the sale. Not only summer goods are offered at reduced prices, but such everyday necessities as matings, rugs, table linens, cottons, embroideries, curtains, silks, and underwear are all offered at clearance sale prices.

The many friends of Mr. Henry Kaufman, who has been in bad health for quite a long time past, are glad to note that he has so far recovered as to partially resume his duties in the commercial world. For several days past he has been at the cashier's desk at the store of Messrs. Kaufman Bros., in which firm he is a partner.